

WILSON LOSING NOW, SAYS LA FOLLETTE

Senator Returning From Western Tour Declares the President Less Popular.

HE WARNS REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, who returned yesterday from a lecture trip through the middle West and several Northwestern States, expressed the opinion that President Wilson has lost some ground politically, but said that the President may get it back before the next election.

He also warned the Republicans against the program for a reactionary candidate and platform now under way and hinted at a third party movement if the reactionary programme is persisted in.

The senator intimated that he was ready for the fray whenever started. After remarking that President Wilson is not as strong politically as when he was elected Mr. La Follette said:

"That doesn't mean that he will not be strong again a year from next fall. Nobody can tell about that. Prosperous times would work a great change, probably. Remember what they did for Taft. We didn't think he'd get a vote in Wisconsin some months prior to the election, but along came a period of better times and he got several."

"President Wilson's efforts to undo the work done for twenty-five or thirty years in behalf of special business interests naturally has resulted in 'bad times.' It is a terrible job that has to be done and the man that accomplishes it ought hardly to expect to serve more than one term."

"The trouble with President Wilson in this connection is that he has shown a disposition to compromise, to try to help business. However, he has done a great deal more already than either Taft or Roosevelt."

"Republicans who think progressivism is dead are mistaken," said the Wisconsin senator. "There is as much progressivism as there ever was, and they'll find it out if they carry through their programme of nominating the worst hard-shell Republican they can find. The result will be as wide a division as there was last time—either before or after the nomination has been made."

PREDICTS T. R.'S FLOP.

But Senator W. A. Smith Thinks Colonel Won't Be G. O. P. Leader.

Des Moines, April 17.—Theodore Roosevelt still has a few punches left in him, but he will never be strong enough to win him the leadership of the Republican party, said Senator William Alden Smith today.

"Roosevelt's political funeral is not yet continued," the senator said. "The political death is largely a matter of time—especially newspaper talk."

Asked if the former President will have strength enough to dominate and lead his party, the senator replied: "I wouldn't say that, but he will be a very strong factor in shaping its policies and platform."

"What party will it be?" he was asked.

"Republicans, of course. There is abundant and increasing evidence of the return of the Progressives to the Republican fold in the next big fight."

Senator Smith paid his respects to the Wilson Administration, which he charged with diminishing the prestige of the United States by lack of firmness in its diplomacy.

"I am not pleased with the manner in which the Administration has failed to stand firmly for the rights of American citizens in the European conflict," he said. "It is true that protests have been made from time to time, but they have been nullified by the actions of our diplomatic Ambassadors who have hastened to the foreign offices of the various capitals to say that our protests must not be taken too seriously."

"The Administration in its effort to hold itself in readiness to offer the United States as the umpire at the case of neutrals has leaned over backward. I believe as firmly as any one that neutrals must be maintained, but I think it the duty of the Administration to insist on the rights of our people in trade and to maintain our prestige among nations regardless of the position may be at the end of the war."

"I would hate to think that any man occupying the high office Wilson holds is inept, but he is the most inept party man I ever saw."

BUTLER BOOM FOR PRESIDENT.

Started at Lotus Club Dinner to Columbia's President.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, was put forth as Presidential material last evening at a dinner in his honor in the Lotus Club. The boom was launched by Samuel W. McCall, formerly Congressman from Massachusetts, who praised President Butler both as an educator and as a practical politician.

President Frank B. Lawrence of the club, Bishop David H. Greer, Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, Brander Matthews and Dr. Henry S. Pritchett also spoke of Dr. Butler's work.

Dr. Butler then made a speech in which he expressed his appreciation for the friendship and the affection of his fellow members.

MARSHALL FIELD 3D AND BRIDE SAIL FOR EUROPE



Photograph by a Sun photographer.
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Field 3d.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Field 3d sailed yesterday on board the St. Louis of the American Line for Europe. They will visit Mr. Field's mother, Mrs. Malvina Drummond in England and Mrs. Field's mother in Paris. The young couple have leased a residence on the Lake Shore drive, Chicago, and upon their return from abroad will reside there.

The St. Louis sailed at noon for Liverpool with the largest passenger list

steps before that time to have Thaw left in the Tombs pending the outcome of the habeas corpus proceeding which begins before Justice Hendrick tomorrow and also pending the appeal to the Court of Appeals from the decision of the Appellate Division.

It was said yesterday in behalf of the Attorney-General that no attempt will be made to railroad Thaw to Matteawan and no great objection was interposed to his remaining in the Tombs until his counsel have exhausted their efforts to keep him out of Matteawan.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Operations on 4,000 buildings, involving more than \$20,000,000, were tied up today by the lockout of 16,000 union carpenters. The lockout is responsible for the enforced idleness of 125,000 workers, a large number of whom had no connection with the building industry itself.

Union leaders and officials of the Building Construction Employers Association, which declared the lockout, asserted that they expected little assistance from the conference of the State Board of Arbitration, which will meet on Monday to offer its services in the interest of industrial peace. Neither side, it was said, was willing at this time to make concessions.

The Board of Arbitration was ordered to meet by Gov. Edward F. Dunne. The board does not have authority to settle labor disputes, but is empowered to investigate and make public its findings.

The contractors, it was announced, have withdrawn their previous offer of a wage increase, and if the carpenters return to work it would be at the old rate of 55 cents an hour.

The carpenters demanded 70 cents. The contractors offered a 25-cent increase for the last eighteen months of the proposed three-year agreement.

Lumber dealers of Chicago began laying off teamsters and laborers today. Bricklayers in Chicago and the surrounding territory also gave evidence of an approaching cessation of work when announcements were posted that hundreds of employees would have to be taken off the payrolls until the demand for building materials was resumed.

The Lumber Dealers Association announced that 5,000 men would be discharged pending a settlement of the strikes and lockouts. These men have had no part in the contentions between the Building Construction Employers Association and the union forces, which refused to bind themselves to a three-year contract designed to prevent sympathetic strikes and their attendant evils.

Will not Railroad Thaw.

State Will Give Counsel Every Chance to Keep Him Here.

Although under the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Harry K. Thaw must return to Matteawan before next Wednesday his counsel decided yesterday that they will take

U. S. CRUISER LOOKS IN ON TURTLE BAY

Extent of Japanese Naval Operations There to Be Known To-day.

NO BREACH EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Full information regarding the extent and nature of the Japanese naval operations at Turtle Bay on the coast of Lower California is expected at the navy yard late to-night or to-morrow.

Admiral Howard, commanding the Pacific fleet, reported to Secretary Daniels to-day that he ordered the cruiser New Orleans to visit Turtle Bay on her way to the Mexican coast from San Diego. The New Orleans was expected to reach Turtle Bay about noon to-day.

It is possible that a report will be received from her captain, Commander Noble Irwin, to-night, but officials pointed out that his report would be sent first to Admiral Howard at Mazatlan and thence to San Diego and Washington. Though all this communication will be by wireless, it will occasion no surprise if Commander Irwin's report is not received until to-morrow.

Officials here express confidence that the Japanese operations are precisely what they have been understood here to be, all connected with the work of salvaging the wrecked cruiser Asama, and will not have any other purpose. It is admitted, however, that in view of the conditions along the Lower California coast and the absence of any Government in Mexico the Japanese have undoubtedly been making a free use of the bay and shore than would have been the case otherwise.

It is not doubted that the Japanese cruiser and colliers and repair ships are operating in whatever way is most convenient to them without special regard for the neutrality of Mexico.

There is little expectation here that the report of the New Orleans will disclose anything which will make it advisable for the United States to call the attention of Japan to the matter. There is no disposition to deny the Japanese the right to do whatever is necessary to get the Asama off the rocks. Neither is there any general belief here that the Japanese are using the operations incidental to the salvaging of the Asama to establish a permanent naval base on the Mexican coast.

The attitude of the United States toward such a scheme is considered to be well understood in every capital to make it a reasonable suggestion that Japan plans running counter to it.

The New Orleans was instructed to visit Turtle Bay and exchange the usual courtesies. Officially it will not appear that she was sent there to report on what the Japanese are doing. Neither is the United States Government informing Japan that it is giving any attention to the matter.

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